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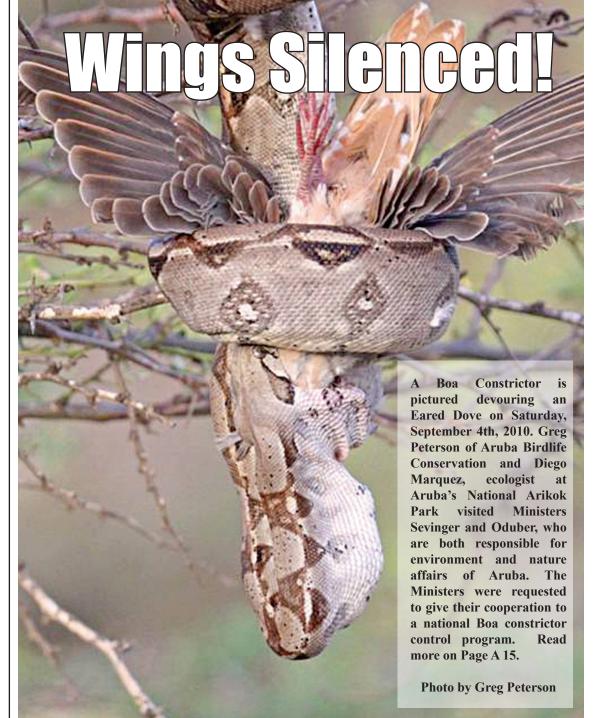


Sam Querrey of the United States celebrates after winning his match against Nicolas Almagro of Spain at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010. Querrey won the match 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.
Associated Press

HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer
NEW YORK (AP) —
Britain's Andy Murray was bundled out of the U.S. Open in the third round Sunday, losing 6-7 (3), 7-6 (4), 6-3, 6-3 to No. 25 Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland.

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Future hiring will mainly benefit the high-skilled

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AP Business Writers

Whenever companies start hiring freely again, jobseekers with specialized skills and education will have plenty of good opportunities. Others will face a choice: Take a job with low pay — or none at all. Job creation will likely remain weak for months or even years. But once employers do step up hiring, some economists expect job openings to fall mainly into two categories of roughly equal numbers:

• Professional fields with higher pay.

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Think lawyers, research scientists and software engineers.

• Lower-skill and lower-paying jobs, like home health care aides and store clerks.

And those in between? Their outlook is bleaker. Economists foresee fewer moderately paid factory supervisors, postal workers and office administrators.

That's the sobering message American workers face as they celebrate Labor Day at a time of high unemployment, scant hiring and a widespread loss of job security. Not until 2014 or later is the nation expected to have regained all, or nearly all, the 8.4 million jobs lost to the recession. Millions of lost jobs in real estate, for example, aren't likely to be restored this decade, if ever.

On Friday, the government said the August unemployment rate ticked up to 9.6 percent. Not enough jobs were created to absorb the growing number of people seeking work. The unemployment rate has

exceeded 9 percent for 16 months, the longest such stretch in nearly 30 years.

The crisis poses a threat to President Barack Obama and Democrats in Congress, whose hold on the House and Senate appears to be at increasing risk because of voter discontent.

Even when the job market picks up, many people will be left behind. The threat stems, in part, from the economy's continuing shift from one driven by manufacturing to one fueled by service industries.

Pay for future service-sector jobs will tend to vary from very high to very low. At the same time, the number of middle-income service-sector jobs will shrink, according to government projections. Any job that can be automated or outsourced overseas is likely to continue to decline.

The service sector's growth could also magnify the nation's income inequality, with more people either affluent or financially squeezed. The nation isn't educating enough people for the higher-skilled service-sector jobs of the future, economists warn.

"There will be jobs," says Lawrence Katz, a Harvard economist. "The big question is what they are going to pay, and what kind of lives they will allow people to lead? This will be a big issue for how broad a middle class we are going to have."

On one point there's broad agreement: Of 8 million-plus jobs lost to the recession — in fields like manufacturing, real estate and financial services — many, perhaps most, aren't coming back.

In their place will be jobs in health care, information technology and statistical analysis. Some of the new positions will require complex skills or higher education. Others won't — but they won't pay very much, either.

"Our occupational structure is really becoming bifurcated," says Richard Florida, a professor at University of Toronto. "We're becoming more of a divided nation by the work we do."

By 2018, the government forecasts a net total of 15.3 million new jobs. If that proves true, unemployment would drop

far closer to a historical norm of 5 percent. Nearly all the new jobs will be in the service sector, the Labor Department says. The nation's 78 million baby boomers will need more health care services as they age, for example. Demand for medical jobs will rise. And innovations in high technology and alternative energy are likely to spur growth in occupations that don't yet exist.

Hiring can't come fast enough for the 14.9 million unemployed Americans. Counting part-time employees who would prefer full-time jobs, plus out-of-work people who have stopped looking for jobs, the number of "underemployed" is 26.2 million. Manufacturing has shed 2 million jobs since the recession began. Construction has lost 1.9 million, financial services 651,000.

But the biggest factor has been the bust in real estate. The vanished jobs range from construction workers and furniture makers to loan officers, appraisers and material suppliers. Moody's Analytics estimates the total number of housing-related jobs lost at

far closer to a historical norm 2.4 million. When you include of 5 percent. Nearly all the commercial real estate, the new jobs will be in the service number is far higher.

One of them is Martha Escobar, who last month lost her \$13.50-an-hour job cleaning an office tower owned by JPMorgan Chase & Co. in Century City, Calif. She was one of 16 janitors, mostly single mothers, who lost jobs as part of the real estate crunch that's squeezed landlords.

Some of them traveled to New York on Thursday to try to pressure JPMorgan to get its cleaning contractor to take them back, given that the bank earned \$8.1 billion during the first half of this year. "I don't know what I am going to do if I can't get my job back," Escobar, 41, said. JPMorgan Chase spokesman Gary Kishner said the bank has no say over the layoffs, which he said are handled by the building's cleaning contractor. On top of real estate-related job losses, manufacturing is likely to keep shedding jobs, sending lower-skilled work overseas. Millions who worked in those fields will need to find jobs in higher-skilled or lower-paying

occupations.

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For US Muslims, a 9/11 anniversary like no other



NEW YORK – American Muslims are boosting security at mosques, seeking help from leaders of other faiths and airing ads underscoring their loyalty to the United States — all ahead of a 9/11 anniversary they fear could bring more trouble for their communities.

Their goal is not only to protect Muslims, but also to prevent them from retaliating if provoked. One Sept. 11 protest in New York against the proposed mosque near ground zero is expected to feature GeertWilders, the aggressively anti-Islam Dutch lawmaker. The same day in Gainesville, Fla., the Dove World Outreach Center plans to burn copies of the Ouran.

"We can expect crazy people out there will do things, but we don't want to create a hysteria," among Muslims, said Victor Begg of the Council of Islamic Organizations of Michigan. "Americans, in general, they support pluralism. It's just that there's a lot of misinformation out there that has created confusion."

On Tuesday, the Islamic Society of North America will hold a summit of Christian, Muslim and Jewish leaders in Washington "to address the growing tide of fear and intolerance" in the furor over the planned New York mosque.

Islamic centers in many cities are intensifying surveillance and keeping closer contact with law enforcement. Adding to Muslim concern is a fluke of the lunar calendar: Eid al-Fitr, a joyous holiday marking the end ofRamadan, will fall around Sept. 11 this year. Muslim leaders fear festivities could be misinterpreted as celebrating the 2001 terror strikes.

"We're telling everyone to keep their eyes open and report anything suspicious to authorities and call us," said Ramzy Kilic of the Tampa, Fla., chapter of the Council on American Islamic Relations.

Other efforts around 9/11 aim to fight bigotry. Muslims will clean parks, feed the homeless, and give toys to sick children as part of Muslim Serve, a national campaign to demonstrate Islamic commitment to serving humanity.

Separately, groups are distributing ads to combat persistent suspicions about Islam. One spot, called "My Faith, My Voice," features American Muslims saying, "I don't want to take over this country."

Sept. 11 anniversaries have always been challenging for U.S. Muslims, who have been under scrutiny since the attacks. This year, the commemoration follows a stunning summer in which opposition to a planned Islamic community center near the World Trade Center site escalated into a national uproar over Islam, extremism and religious freedom.

Islamic centers as far away as Tennessee and California faced protests and vandalism. In western New York, police said a group of teenagers recently yelled obscenities, set off a car alarm and fired a shotgun during two nights of drive-by harassment at a small-town mosque near Lake Ontario.

Usama Shami, board chairman for the Islamic Community Center of Phoenix, said a new mosque the congregation has been building for years drew little attention until recently, when some resistance emerged in the neighborhood and from some in city government. Recently, vandals broke into the new building, spilled paint on the floor and broke expensive windows.

Shami believes the ground zero dispute is partly to blame for the trouble, along with passions unleashed by Arizona's strict new law that would require police to question people about their immigration status if there is reason to suspect they are in the country illegally.

"All of these issues came at the same time," Shami said. "When things like that happen, I think they bring out the worst in some people."

On Sept. 11 in Chicago, Zeenat Rahman, a 34-year-old native of the city, will visit a local nursing home with Muslim and non-Muslim friends to spend time with residents and help serve a meal.

"This is when people are going to look at our community, and when they do, what are they going to see?" said Rahman, a policy director for the Interfaith Youth Core, which promotes pluralism. "Sometimes, saying 'Islam means peace,' feels a little defensive and apologetic, whereas service is really core to our faith." Unity Productions Foundation, a Washington-area group that specializes in films about Islam and MuslimAmericans, will hold an interfaith talk on Sept. 11 at the Washington Jewish Community Center.



Key oil spill evidence raised to Gulf's surface

ON THE GULF OF MEXICO – Investigators looking into what went wrong in the Gulf of Mexico oil spill are a step closer to answers now that a key piece of evidence is secure aboard a ship.

Engineers took 29 1/2 hours to lift the 50-foot, 300-ton blowoutpreventer from a mile beneath the sea. The five-story high device breached the water's surface at 6:54 p.m. CDT, and looked largely intact with black stains on the yellow metal.

FBI agents were among the 137 people aboard the Helix Q4000 vessel, taking photos and video of the device. They will escort it back to a NASA facility in Louisiana for analysis.

The AP was the only news outlet with a print reporter and photographer on board the ship.

The blowout preventer was placed into a metal contraption specifically designed to hold the massive device at 9:16 p.m. CDT Saturday. As it was maneuvered into place, crew members were silent and water dripped off the device.

Crews had been delayed raising the device after icelike crystals — called hydrates — formed on it. The device couldn't be safely lifted from the water until the hydrates melted because the hydrates are combustible, said Darin Hilton, the captain of the Helix O4000.

Hydrates form when gases such as methane mix with

water under high pressure and cold temperatures. The crystals caused BPPLC problems in May, when hydrates formed on a 100-ton, four-story dome the company tried to place over the leak to contain it. As a large hatch opened up on the Helix to allow the blowout preventer to pass through, several hundred feet of light sheen could be seen near the boat, though crews weren't exactly sure what it was.

The April 20 explosion aboard the Deepwater Horizon killed 11 workers and led to 206 million gallons of oil spewing from BP PLC's undersea well

Investigators know the explosion was triggered by a bubble of methane gas that escaped from the well andshot up the drill column, expanding quickly as it burst through several seals and barriers before igniting.

But they don't know exactly how or why the gas escaped. And they don't know why the blowout preventer didn't seal the well pipe at the sea bottom after the eruption, as it was supposed to. While the device didn't close — or may have closed partially — investigative hearings have produced no clear picture of why it didn't plug the well.

Documents emerged showing that a part of the device had a hydraulic leak, which would have reduced its effectiveness, and that a passive



"deadman" trigger had a low, perhaps even dead, battery.

Steve Newman, president of rig owner Transocean, told lawmakers following the disaster that there was no evidence the device itself failed and suggested debris might have been forced into it by the surging gas.

There has also been testimony that the blowout preventer didn't undergo a rigorous recertification process in 2005 as required by federal regulators.

Testimony from BP and Transocean officials also showed that repairs were not always authorized by the manufacturer, Cameron International, and that confusion about the equipment delayed attempts to close the well in the days after the explosion.

A Transocean official has said he knew the blowout preventer was functioning because he personally oversaw its maintenance, and he said the device underwent tests to ensure it was working. The device, he said, had undergone a maintenance overhaul in February as it was being moved to the Deepwater Horizon to be placed over BP's well.

Also, according to testimony, a BP well site leader performed a pressure test April 9 on the blowout preventer, and he said it passed.



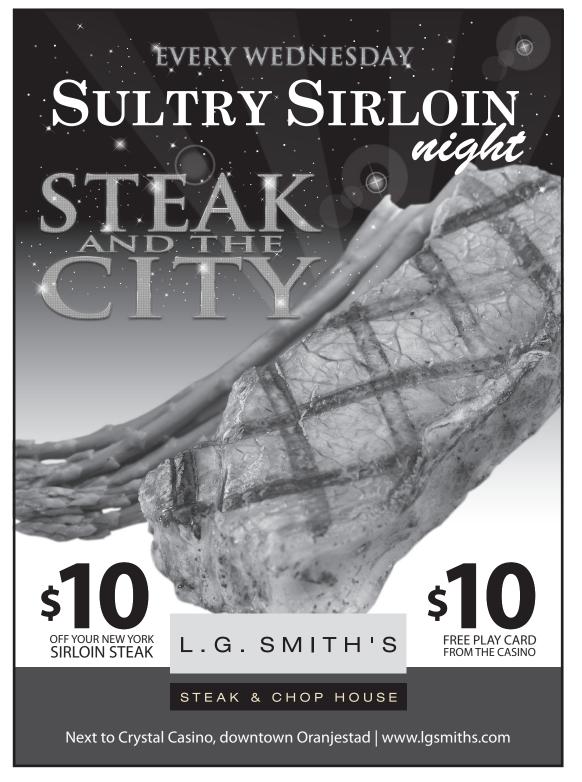
PHILADELPHIA – Duong Nghe Ly can't wait to begin his senior year at South Philadelphia High School. A day of violence there last year changed his life, and he wants to learn if his school has been transformed as well.



Last Dec. 3, after years of attacks on Asian immigrant students, something finally snapped.

Fueled by rumors, a group of students roamed the halls searching for Asian victims until one was attacked in a classroom. Later, about 70 students stormed the cafeteria, where several Asians were beaten. About 35 students pushed past a police officer onto the so-called "Asian floor," but were turned back. After school, Asians being escorted home were attacked anyway by a mob of youths. Almost all the attackers were black — but few observers believe the violence was due to racial hatred. Instead, they cite isolation of different groups within the school, certain students' warped "gangster" values, and for some, simmering resentments over perceived benefits for Asian students.

About 30 Asians were injured that day; seven went to hospitals. Past attacks had been reported to administrators and police, but students say nothing seemed to change.





Greenest state behind the waste-to-energy race

LONG BEACH, Calif. – Government officials from around the world used to come to this port city to catch a glimpse of the future: Two-story piles of trash would disappear into a furnace and eventually be transformed into electricity to power thousands of homes.

Nowadays, it's U.S. officials going to Canada, Japan and parts of Western Europe to see the latest advances.

The Long Beach plant,

for all its promise when it began operations roughly 20 years ago, still churns out megawatts. But it is a relic, a symbol of how California, one of America's greenest states, fell behind other countries in the development of trash-to-energy technology.

"I am having a hard time explaining why California is so far behind," said Eugene Tseng Tseng, a University of California, Los Angeles law professor who spent the last three months leading delegations on overseas tours. While so-called biorefineries have blossomed abroad, concerns that technique would undermine recycling efforts and create worse air pollution stalled efforts in California. With space for garbage dumps dwindling, proponents of a new breed of the technology hope to win over detractors.

Los Angeles County officials want to build three plants at a total cost of \$200 million to demonstrate how far the technology has come as they



scramble for alternatives to closing the world's largest landfill and shipping trash four hours by rail to an abandoned goldmine near the Mexico border.

If they prove successful at reducing waste and producing power, there's no guarantee they'll usher in a new wave of garbage-gobbling technology. Efforts to pass legislation that would have given waste-toenergy plants credit toward recycling and renewable energy goals so cities could meet state mandates hit a snag this year when some environmentalists argued that such facilities are no different from incinerators, which do not receive credits.

"We have the most aggressive goals for recycling and renewable energies but we've also got groups fighting us on solar, wind and now this," said Coby Skye with the county's Environmental Programs Division. "There are no other options if we can't get these technologies moving

forward."

Part of the reason that Europe and Asia are now ahead of the U.S. on such technology is that they had to grapple with the lack of dump space years earlier. Many are also signatories to the Kyoto Protocol and must reduce greenhouse gas that are produced as waste decomposes in landfills.

The county plan, which still needs financing and permitting, is to build three demonstration plants in Riverside and Orange counties. They would either use heat to turn trash to energy or use microorganisms, which would eat organic material and create methane to produce power. The byproduct can also be used as compost.

Each plant would be a little smaller than a typical biorefinery and would convert as much as 300 tons of trash per day, accepting trash from all over. Los Angeles County alone produces about 33,000 tons of garbage a day.



Pulitzer-winning cartoonist Paul Conrad dies at 86

LOS ANGELES – For more than half a century, Pulitzer Prize winning cartoonist Paul Conrad poked fun at politicians, taking on presidents from Harry S. Truman to George W. Bush.

Conrad, who died Saturday at age 86, won the coveted prize three times for his efforts but he also made Richard Nixon's enemies list.

He died at his home in the Los Angeles suburb of Rancho Palos Verdes surrounded by his family, his son David Conrad said. The death was from natural causes, David Conrad said, but he did not offer specifics.

Conrad worked in the heyday of political cartoonists, and he was among the elite. His three decades at the Los Angeles Times helped the newspaper raise its national profile.

His total of three Pulitzers is matched by just two other cartoonists in the Post-World War II era.

He was fierce in his liberalism and expressed it with a stark, powerful visual style. Southern California political junkies for decades would start their day either outraged or delighted at a Conrad drawing.

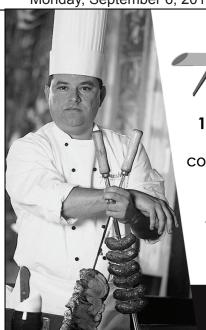
The Times said in a Saturday story that its longtime publisher came to expect that his breakfast would be interrupted by an angry phone call from then-governor Reagan or wife Nancy, peeved by a Conrad cartoon that made them look foolish.

Conrad's favorite target was Nixon. At the time of the president's resignation, Conrad drew Nixon's helicopter leaving the White House with the caption: "One flew over the cuckoo's nest."

"He always said he was most proud of being on Nixon's enemies list," David Conrad said.

In a 2006 interview with The Associated Press, Conrad compared his favorite target to then-president George W. Bush.





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Despite formal combat end, U.S. joins Baghdad battle

BARBARA SURK Associated Press Writer BAGHDAD (AP) — Days after the U.S. officially ended combat operations and touted Iraq's ability to defend itself, American troops found themselves battling heavily armed militants assaulting an Iraqi military headquarters in the center of Baghdad on Sunday. The fighting killed 12 people and wounded dozens. It was the first exchange of

fire involving U.S. troops in Baghdad since the Aug. 31 deadline for formally ending the combat mission, and it showed that American troops remaining in the country are still being drawn into the fighting.

The attack also made plain the kind of lapses in security that have left Iraqis wary of the U.S. drawdown and distrustful of the ability of Iraqi forces now taking up ultimate responsibility for protecting the country.

Sunday's hour-long assault was the second in as many weeks on the facility, the headquarters for the Iraqi Division, 11th Army's pointing to the failure of Iraqi forces to plug even the most obvious holes in their security. Two of the four attackers even managed to fight their way inside the compound and were only killed after running out of ammunition and detonating explosives belts they were wearing.

The American troops who joined the fight and provided cover fire for Iraqi soldiers

pursuing the attackers were based at the compound to train Iraqi forces, said U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. Eric Bloom. Iraqi forces also requested help from U.S. helicopters, drones and explosives experts, he said. No American troops were hurt, Bloom said.

Under an agreement between the two countries, Iraq can still call on American forces to assist in combat and U.S. troops can defend themselves if attacked.

In Sunday's assault, six militants wearing explosives vests and matching track suits and armed with machine guns and hand grenades pulled up at a checkpoint with an explosives-laden car, said a senior Iraqi military intelligence official who was inside the building at the time. The six assailants left the car and started shooting, killing a soldier at the checkpoint, he said. Guards at an observation tower returned fire, killing four militants, while two entered a building in the military compound.

Iraqi soldiers shot and killed a seventh attacker who was driving the vehicle, causing the car bomb to explode, the official said. The blast left behind a gaping crater in the ground.

The fighting came to an end after the two assailants who breached the compound ran out of bullets and detonated their explosives vests, the official said. He spoke on condition of anonymity



In this image made from television, Iraqi Defense Minister Abdul-Qadir al-Ubaidi, center, inspects the site of a suicide attack accompanied by soldiers at a military headquarters in Baghdad, Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010.

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because he was not authorized to speak to reporters.

Two weeks earlier, an al-Qaida-linked suicide bomber waded into a crowd of hundreds of army recruits outside the building and detonated a blast that killed 61 people. That was the deadliest act of violence in Baghdad in months

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for Sunday's attack.

Baghdad has been on high alert since President Barack Obama declared the official end to U.S. combat operations on Wednesday, setting up more checkpoints, intensifying searches of people and vehicles and handing out more guns and bullets to troops guarding the capital.

The number of U.S. troops has fallen from a high of 170,000 to just under 50,000 this August; all U.S. troops must be out of Iraq by 2012.

The remaining American soldiers have a noncombat role and mostly assist Iraqis in stabilizing the country. However, U.S. forces can still help Iraqi forces hunt down al-Qaida and other militants and can defend themselves or their bases against attacks.

Insurgents have intensified their strikes on Iraqi police and soldiers to mark the change in the U.S. mission.

Iraq's political instability now appears to be threatening the country's security. Six months after an inconclusive election, Iraq still has no new government. Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, a Shiite, is struggling to keep his job after his political coalition came in a close second to a Sunnibacked alliance in the March 7 vote.



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Basque separatist group ETA announce cease-fire

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MADRID (AP) — The armed
Basque separatist group ETA,
under pressure from political
allies to renounce violence and
decapitated repeatedly by the
arrests of its leaders, announced
another cease-fire Sunday,
suggesting it might turn to a
political process in its quest for
an independent homeland.

But the Basque regional government immediately dismissed the announcement as meaningless because ETA failed to renounce violence or announce its dissolution.

"It's absolutely insufficient because it does not take into account what the vast majority of Basque society demands and requires from ETA, which is that it definitively abandon terrorist activity," Basque regional interior minister Rodolfo Ares said in the first official comment on the announcement.

Spaniards also expressed skepticism, saying they had seen ETA cease-fires come and go before.

"We give them very little credibility," said Angeles Pedraza, President of the Association of Victims of Terrorism. "Actually, we give

them none at all. We are already used to this,"

The new pledge from ETA, which has been fighting for an independent homeland in parts of northern Spain and southwestern France since the late 1960s, left several key questions unanswered. Besides silence on whether it will surrender its weapons, it did not say if the truce was openended and permanent, like one declared in 2006, or whether it would halt other activities like extorting money from business leaders or recruiting members. Nor was there any mention of whether the cease-fire could be monitored by international observers as called for Friday by two Basque parties that back independence: ETA's outlawed political wing Batasuna and a more moderate pro-independence party called Eusko Alkartasuna. Since late last year, divisions

since late last year, divisions have been emerging and widening between ETA and the political parties that support it. Jailed ETA veterans have also been distancing themselves from the group, and enhanced French police cooperation has proved crucial in recent years in a neighboring country that used to serve as a haven for ETA.

And Friday's statement by those two parties was significant in that it marked the first time they had put down in writing that they wanted ETA to work toward independence through peaceful means, rather than with violence.

Jacques Massey, a journalist with Intelligence Online and author of a French-language book published in February whose title translates as: "ETA: Secret History of a 100-Year War," said "for the first time in the history of ETA, it's not ETA that imposes its line on the political movement. It's the political movement ... that has ended up winning from ETA what it wanted — notably the end of armed hostilities."

Intense pressure from Spanish and French police "left ETA with little strategic or tactical ability. It had little capacity to stir a big movement and cause the Spanish government to flinch."

"Today, under the crackdown, a (ETA) leader keeps his posts between three and five months, then gets arrested ... In the 1980s, they were able to kill 50 or so people a year. Today, they'll kill a maximum of one or two."

Massey added: "That's not



the Basque Separatist militant group ETA make a statement. The Basque separatist militant group ETA has issued a video on Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010, declaring a cease fire. The video appeared on Basque newspaper Gara's website and was also made available to the British broadcaster BBC. It showed three masked militants making a statement in Basque, in usual ETA style. Gara accompanied the video with a transcription of the statement in Basque and Spanish.

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enough to make a state bend." ETA's announcement was not a surprise in Spain — in recent months, many people in the Basque region had been expecting a cease-fire. Spanish Interior Minister Alfredo Perez Rubalcaba had said as recently as Friday he was expecting a cease-fire statement from ETA. ETA's last deadly attack was in July 2009 on the Mediterranean island of Mallorca with a car bomb that killed two police officers. But the group is suspected of having shot and killed a French police officer near Paris in March in a botched car robbery.

The new announcement came in a video sent to the BBC and a statement published by

the newspaper Gara, a proindependence daily that often serves as a mouthpiece for ETA. The video showed three masked militants sitting at a table with a sign bearing the ETA insignia behind them: a snake curled around an ax.

"ETA makes it known that as of some months ago it took the decision to no longer employ offensive armed actions," the statement said.

It added: "If the government of Spain has the will, ETA, today as in the past, is willing to agree to the democratic minimums necessary to undertake the democratic process." It was not immediately clear what steps it is seeking or if it specifically seeking peace talks.



Guatemala mudslides kill at least 38; 2 buses hit

MOISES CASTILLO,
Associated Press Writer
NAHUALA, Guatemala
(AP) — Torrential rains from
a tropical depression caused
landslides that have killed at
least 38 people in Guatemala
— some of them rescuers
trying to save people already
buried under a wall of mud.

In the village of Nahuala, about 200 rescue workers searched through mud and rocks for bodies Sunday after two slides in the same spot killed at least 20 along a highway leading northwest of the capital toward Mexico. Another slide closer to Guatemala City killed at least 12

Suagustino Pascual Tuy, a Nahuala police officer, said he and several others rushed to the highway with picks and shovels after hearing radio reports of the fallen earth, which had buried two pickup trucks and a bus at kilometer 171 of the Inter-American highway.

Pascual Tuy said the crowds were able to rescue several people alive including his nephew, who was driving one of the pickups.

"He is in critical condition, but thank God we were able to get him out alive," he said.

Pascual Tuy said people were still digging through the rubble when the mountain above them began crackling. He shouted a warning, but moments later the second slide buried a number of rescuers. Pascual Tuy ran for his life and the slide only caught his legs.

"The mountain was making noise like an earthquake, but people wouldn't leave," he said. "They were being stubborn and didn't get out." Regional fire department Maj. Otto Mazariegos said at least 50 people are believed to be buried.

"Under the earth there is a bus that carried we don't know how many people, and there are those who tried to help the victims of the first slide," Mazariegos said.

Rescue crews have recovered 20 bodies from that site, said fire department spokesman Jose Rodriguez.

A few hours earlier, a landslide at kilometer 81 of the same highway partially buried a bus, killing 12 people.

Pascual Tuy said there have been several landslides along the highway in the last year, and authorities knew of the danger.

"Last year there was a landslide there, 15 days ago there was a landslide," he said. "But now a big one came."

President Alvaro Colom visited the area Sunday and said the following day would be declared a national day of mourning.

Speaking Saturday, even before news of the second slide, Colom said, "It is a tragic day. Today alone 18



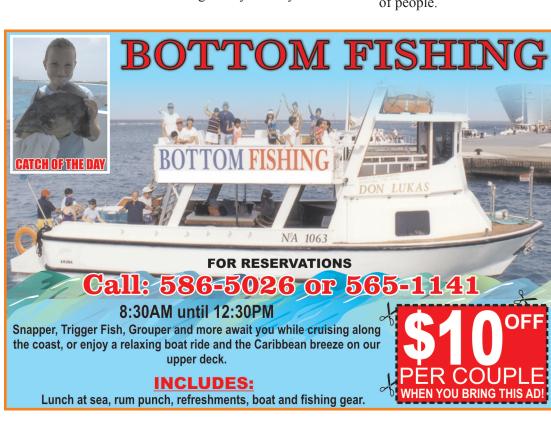
People stand in front of a bus partially covered by a landslide, due to heavy rains, on the Pan-American highway at Tecpan, Guatemala, Saturday Sept. 4, 2010. At least 12 passengers were killed and around 25 injured, rescue workers said.

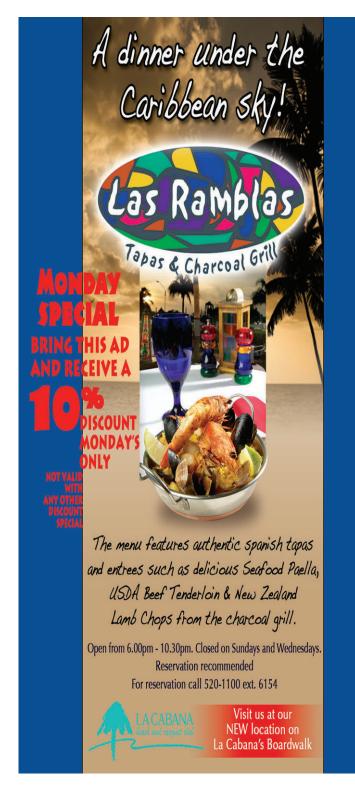
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people have died, 12 buried by a hill when they traveled in a bus." Four children and two adults died in slides elsewhere, he said.

The president told officials to close the highway.

"There are several hillsides that are loose and could fall. So we ask the population to not go out, to avoid moving along the highways," he said. Heavy rains from Tropical 11-E Depression have pelted Guatemala for days, unleashing mudslides in several areas, cutting highways and prompting officials to evacuate thousands of people.







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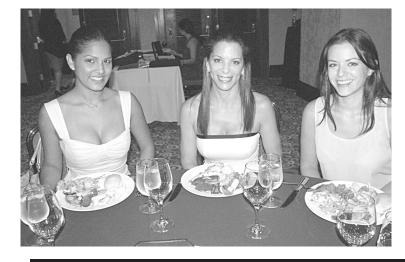


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After an interesting morning that featured Terrunyo, Sauvignon Blanc, 2007, Terrunyo, Carmenere, 2005, and three Marques de Casa Concha wines, Chardonnay 2007, Syrah, 2006 & Merlot 2006, lunch was served, courtesy of the resort culinary team, perfectly paired with the selection of wines tasted.

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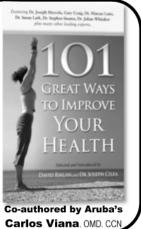
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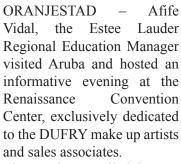


DUFRY Aruba & Estee Lauder introduce new favorites









The evening unveiled the new Re-Nutriv Collection and outlined its immense benefits and appeal in rejuvenating, refreshing and revitalizing the look of DUFRY's loyal clients.

The evening also served to unveil two new woman's fragrances, one sweet and flowery, Estee Lauder Pleasures Bloom, and one sexy and bold, Sensuous, both released in the fall of 2010.

New shades of eyeshadow and new shades of lipstick, the work of Estee Lauder's just-



appointed Creative Director Tom Pecheux, created excitement as the Blue Dahlia collection is vibrant, and brings two gorgeous looks with eyeshadow palettes in electric blue and vintage violet, adding soft pink and raspberry shades for the lips and deep navy and iridescent lilac hues for the nail!

The evening included a dinner buffet and much interactive fun.





Alison Briesen, Marketing and Purchasing Coordinator for DUFRY Aruba reports that the company has partnered with Estee Lauder for 2 major events for the upcoming weeks.

On November 11th, 12th and 13th, DUFRY will host the exclusive launch of Advanced Night Repair Eyes of Estee Lauder, a mega launch event with Make-up Classes and Training for the DUFRY & Estee Lauder VIP clients, while on November 26th, 27th and 28th during the 1st Aruba Woman's Expo, Estee Lauder will participate with DUFRY, surprising clients with a tremendous production.

Pictured here the launch of the new treasures with Afife Vidal and the DUFRY crew.





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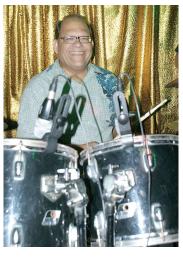
















ORANJESTAD -- Friday night delivered an excellent performance of the Tramps at Garufa, with the famed hobbyist-musicians delivering music from the 60s and 70s delighting local and visitors at the Ultra Cocktail Lounge, on

Wilhelminastraat.

The songs of the Beatles, Temptations, Drifters, Roy Orbison and the Bee Gees as well as their Latin contemporaries Banda 007, Los Impalas from Venezuela, and the music of Antillean

evergreen Rudy Plaate, charmed and delighted every one in the room.

Second-guitar player Ruddy Perrotte arranged the performance and he reports that the band will be returning to Garufa Ultra Lounge for an encore presentation in the very near future.

The Tramps got together in 1967, and have been playing ever since in various musical combinations, always enthusiastically received by fans and friends.



Also in the ensemble, drummer Frank Arends who has been paying with the Tramps occasionally for the past 10 years, while still involved with another retrolegend, the Strangers.

Guitar man Glen Stenker and Alfred Leon on base, joined singers Frank Tromp and Carl Tjon A Tjoe to rock the club with their fun interpretation of two decades of memorable tunes. Future Aruba bird species at stake

Petition to Government for a national Boa constrictor control program



On Sunday morning, Sept 5th, 2010, within a radius of approximately 50 meters, Greg and Albert Peterson managed to catch 6 Boa constrictors. The day before, one was caught and – regretfully - one escaped into a thick bush. We are starting to get the hang of it....

Photo by Albert Peterson

ORANJESTAD - Recently, Greg Peterson of Aruba Birdlife Conservation and Diego Marquez, ecologist at Aruba's National Arikok Park visited Ministers Sevinger and Oduber, who are both responsible for environment and nature affairs of Aruba. The Ministers were requested to give their cooperation to a national Boa constrictor control program.

From 1999 to 2003 Park Rangers caught 273 Boas in Aruba. From 2004 to 2006 they caught 941 boas on the island. And from 2007 to 2009 they caught no less than 1781 boas in Aruba's nature. The increase in boa numbers over the years is alarming. The caught boas were euthanized with assistance of the Veterinary Department.

To illustrate the impact the boas are having on Aruba's birdlife, Peterson and Marquez created a simplified and preliminary calculation.

Based on the number of boas caught by the Rangers, they estimate that a minimum of 2000 boas are actually present in Aruba's nature. A careful estimate of a boa having a meal every two weeks would lead to 26 meals per boa per year. Research shows that boa meals in Aruba consist of 1/3 birds -1/3 reptiles -1/3mammals. Through this model it can be estimated that boas in the wild consume, at present numbers, $(2000 \times 26 \times 1/3 =)$ 17.333 birds a year in Aruba. The model illustrates that the



The picture reveals one of the many "secrets" of the amateur bird photographer Greg Peterson. The use of a camouflage net: very simple, yet sometimes very helpful.

Photo by Albert Peterson

same number of reptiles and mammals are consumed per year as well. If we take Aruba's size into consideration, then the 'Guam scenario' is the most likely outcome if action is not taken promptly.

In Guam the Brown Tree Snake was introduced 30 years ago unintentionally. At present no less than 8 endemic bird species are

extinct, besides other species of fauna. The Boa constrictor, on the other hand, was first registered in the wild in Aruba in April of 1999, but it breeds in larger numbers than the Brown Tree Snake. This means that it will not take 30 years to reach

a similar scenario, but it will go much faster. Aruba Birdlife Conservation is convinced that an Aruba without a Troupial, Prikichi, Patrishi or Shoco, four of Aruba's beloved bird species of which 2 are endemic, is not an acceptable future scenario. Eradication of the boa is the most desired outcome, but most likely not achievable. So

the only remaining attainable strategy is to develop and implement a 'control program' aimed at structurally, year in, year out, keeping the Boa's numbers as low as possible. To be able to monitor if the control program is effective enough, a yearly

national bird count will be

required.

Peterson and Marquez proposed to the Ministers to involve the entire community in the implementation of the Boa constrictor control program. In time, the entire population will have to learn to deal with the invasive Boa infestation as in any regular pest cases around one's home. The Ministers showed their understanding and shared their concerns about the serious implications of the increasing numbers of boas in Aruba's wildlife and committed appointing government officials as soon as possible to analyze the proposition and to advise them on how best to proceed.



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The French Steakhouse delivers dining under the stars







Eagle Beach – The French Steakhouse at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa prides itself on the elegant dining experience it offers patrons. Reminiscent of a 1950s French café, the fully airconditioned indoor dining room delights diners with its sparkling china, crisp linen, interesting bread baskets, and hand-painted tiles bordering the walls. A gracious staff, colossal desserts, and live jazz performed by Eddy Samson on piano add the perfect touches.

Yet recently the idea of adding a garden spot to the existing blueprint began to sprout in the creative mind of Executive Chef George Hoek, and he immediately recruited the landscapers to create the intimate, lovely setting. Now patrons have another charming dining option at the French Steakhouse—a tropical alfresco courtyard featuring delicious cuisine under the stars. Diners can choose from the restaurant's famed "Ooh-La-La" menu offerings, including creative appetizers, soups, salads, seafood dishes, poultry, and the pièce de résistance—South American and USDA beef specialties.

Among other popular appetizers, the chef's Tropical Crab Cakes with pineapple-mango salsa and the Teriyaki-Glazed Seared Duck Breast served with garden greens and balsamic dressing are real crowd-pleasers. The French Onion Soup is true to the restaurant's roots while the Honey-Glazed Salmon Salad winks at the exotic East with a sweet soy dressing.

Seafood dishes range from the fresh Catch of the Day, prepared according to preference, to the amazingly decadent Caribbean Stuffed Shrimp with Crabmeat and Bacon. The tequila and sweet-chili glaze lends the jumbo shrimp a pure taste of heaven!

Light eaters will find the Jerk-Curried Chicken Skewers and the Lemon-Herb Broiled Chicken very satisfying while meat-lovers should opt for the restaurant's famous South American Certified Beef Churrasco or a juicy USDA beef selection such as the Charcoal NY Sirloin Steak or the Grilled Filet Mignon. Hungrier patrons will appreciate the Ambassador's 5-Course Menu featuring the run of the regular menu's highlights for just \$34.95 per person. The French Steakhouse at Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa offers a truly unique dining experience—indoor or out—7 days a week from 5:30 PM to 11 PM. For more information, visit http://www.manchebo.com/ steakhouse/

Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano introduces Menu Turistico



Eagle Beach -- Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano, located at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa in the heart of the low-rise hotel area, delivers authentic Mediterranean flavors at a reasonable price in a charming alfresco poolside setting.

The restaurant has just introduced Menu Turistico, a 3-course dinner featuring an appetizer, main course, and dessert for just \$19.95 per person, plus 15% service charge.

Patrons may choose between homemade soup and Caesar salad for the starter; between Fettuccini Alfredo, Lasagna Casarecia, Spaghetti alla Bolognese, and any favorite pizza for the main course; and between tiramisu, cheesecake, and ice cream for the sweet finale.

Of course, the regular menu

continues to offer delicious antipasto and salads, like the Calamari Fritti and the Insalati Bistro; hearty Italian soups; fresh fish dishes, including Salmone Affogaro in Bianco; pasta dishes, like the Tortellini alla Gorgonzola; pizzas;

meat dishes, like the Fileto Di Bue alla Castellana; decadent desserts, such as the Cream-Filled Cannoli; flavorful coffees; and the finest Italian wines.

Executive Chef George Hoek is the resort's much-appreciated culinary expert. He was the recent recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Shoco Award, presented by the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association in collaboration with the Digicel Group. The award is a national award of excellence and Aruba's top professional decoration in the hospitality industry.

Open 7 days a week for breakfast and dinner, Giorgio's makes authentic Italian cuisine a reality on Aruba. Patrons are cordially invited to bring a healthy appetite.

Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar reinvents beach cuisine



Eagle Beach – Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa is widely recognized as the home of beach cuisine. Executive Chef George Hoek and his culinary team serve a sun-splashed

menu on the oceanfront terrace, raising the restaurant to must-try status. Inspired by American, Mexican, Thai, Jamaican, Cuban, Greek, and Mediterranean kitchens, the menu lists favorite international dishes all served with a tropical, Caribbean flair.

Patrons can choose from a variety of tasty starters, like Wings on Fire and the Fiesta Snack Platter. Pega Pega's Sun-Sational Salads—including the Thai Chicken Salad and the Caribbean Fruit Symphony—provide a light lunch alternative. From the sandwich



board come the Cuban-Pressed Chicken Sandwich, the Grilled Grouper Reuben Sandwich, the Cudarebo Fish Taco, and the Philly Steak Sandwich. Mid-day platters also include vegetarian options and a variety of oversized beef burgers.

Pega Pega's tropical & frozen cocktail list leaves nothing out. A wide range of frosty beverages—from daiquiris, coladas, margaritas, and fruit or ice-cream smoothies to specialty blends like the Yellow Bird, Sex on the Beach, and the Cabuya—pretty much guarantees the perfect refreshing addition to lunch. A daily happy hour featuring live music is a great way to watch the sunset and kick off the evening.

Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar is open on fabulous Eagle Beach every day from noon to 5 PM for lunch and from 11 AM to 11 PM for drinks. Patrons are cordially welcomed to enjoy the unrivaled views, caring service, and relaxed atmosphere of one of Aruba's oldest beach bars.



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Storm beat Mercury to advance to WNBA finals



Seattle Storm's Lauren Jackson, left, and Sue Bird embrace after the Storm defeated the Phoenix Mercury 91-88 on Bird's 3-point field goal in Game 2 of the WNBA basketball Western Conference finals Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010, in Phoenix. The Storm advanced to the finals.

PHOENIX (AP)—Sue Bird wanted no part of a deciding game with a spot in the WNBA finals on the line.

Thanks to her clutch shooting, the Seattle Storm won't have to worry about that risky proposition.

Bird made a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 2.8 seconds left Sunday and the Storm closed out the Western Conference finals with a 91-88 victory over the defending champion Phoenix Mercury, closing the game with a 15-0 run. "I know I didn't want to play Phoenix in Game 3, that would have been very, very hard, even on our home court, it would have been very difficult," Bird

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AP source: Cuts have NFLPA still examining trades

By JOSEPH WHITE AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON – Three of the four rookies involved in curiously timed trades have now been cut, prompting the NFL players' union to continue looking into whether the deals were made to avoid paying money into a special player pool, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press on Sunday

The person, speaking on condition of anonymity because the union has not made the probes public, said the developments over the weekend only served to reinforce the NFL Players Association's review of last week's trades by the Washington Redskins, St. Louis Rams, Philadelphia Eagles and Arizona Cardinals.

On Monday, the Redskins sent sixth-round draft pick Dennis Morris to the Rams for a conditional, undisclosed draft pick. On the same day, St. Louis sent fifth-round pick Hall Davis to Washington, also for a conditional, undisclosed pick.

Also that day, the Eagles sent Charles Scott to the Cardinals for Jorrick Calvin in an exchange of rookie sixth-round selections.

At the time the trades were made, Redskins coach Mike Shanahan said the deals were made because Morris was wasn't going to make Washington's 53-man roster. He then cut Davis after one practice.

On Saturday, the Rams released Morris, and the Cardinals let go of Scott, both before the 6 p.m. NFL deadline to set a 53-man roster. Calvin, with the Eagles, was the only one of the four to make a team.

Under collective bargaining agreement rules for an uncapped year, if a drafted rookie is cut by the team that drafted him, that team is required to pay 85 percent of that player's salary into a rookie pool.

The money from that pool will be distributed to rookies early next year based on the number of downs played in the 2010 season. The way the rule is written, teams could circumvent the payment by trading a drafted player they were going to cut to another team — and have that team cut the player. Even so, the amount of savings would be small by NFL standards: just \$263,500 on a first-year minimum salary of \$310,000, the standard pay this year for low-round draft picks.

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Murray alone bears the burden of Britain's hopes for its first male Grand Slam champion since 1936. He was a popular pick to go far at Flushing Meadows; he was the runner-up at the 2008 U.S. Open and at this year's Australian Open, also on hard courts.

"I have no idea whether I'll win a Grand Slam or not. I want to. But if I never win one, then what? If I give 100 percent, try my best, physically work as hard as I can, practice as much as I can, then that's all I can do," said the 23-year-old Murray, who was treated by a trainer for leg and elbow issues. "It's something I would love to do. It's a very difficult thing. I don't know if I'll win a Grand Slam or not. But I'll give it my best shot."

He served poorly against Wawrinka, putting only half of his first serves in and getting broken eight times.

Wawrinka will next attempt to solve the serve of American Sam Querrey, who hit 19 aces at up to 137 mph (220 kph) and never was broken in a 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 win over by 14th-seeded Nicolas Almagro of Spain . It's been seven years since a man from the United States won the country's most important tennis tournament. Indeed, it's been that long since an American man won any Grand Slam singles title.

The 20th-seeded Querrey is all-too-aware of such



Venus Williams of the United States returns the ball to Shahar Peer of Israel at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010. Williams won the match 7-6(3), 6-3. Associated Press

statistics.

"The average sports fan watches the Grand Slams, and they watch on Saturday and Sunday and the semis and the finals," said the 22-year-old Querrey, the youngest man left in the field. "That's what we need to do. We need to get some guys there."

At the 2009 U.S. Open, no U.S. men reached the

quarterfinals for the first time in the history of an event that began in 1881. Querrey never has been to the quarterfinals at a major tournament, nor has Wawrinka.

Wawrinka's win was the only significant surprise on a day that saw No. 1 Rafael Nadal and four other Spaniards advance: No. 8 Fernando Verdasco, No. 10 David Ferrer, No. 23 Feliciano Lopez, and unseeded Tommy Robredo.

"Probably the most difficult tournament for us, no?" Nadal said after beating Gilles Simon of France 6-4, 6-4, 6-2. "So that is very important news for Spanish tennis."

No. 19 Mardy Fish of the United States won Saturday to earn a spot in the fourth round, where he will take on No. 3 Novak Djokovic of Serbia. And a third, No. 18 John Isner, hoped to join Querrey and Fish in the final 16; Isner was to face No. 12 Mikhail Youzhny of Russia on Sunday night in the last men's thirdround match in Querrey's section of the draw.

"We've jokingly talked about meeting in the quarters," Querrey said, looking ahead. "That would be ideal."

Depending on how the rest of this tournament goes, Isner, Querrey and Fish could join Andy Roddick — the American who won the 2003 U.S. Open — inside the top 20 in the rankings; there haven't been four U.S. men that high in four years.

On the other hand, when Roddick briefly dropped to 11th in August, it was the first time since the rankings began in 1973 that there were no U.S. men in the top 10. That alone was enough to cue a new chorus of questions about the state of the game in a nation that produced Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi, Jimmy Connors and John McEnroe. With Sunday's five Spaniards joining No. 21 Albert Montanes, who won Saturday, that country has six members of the last 16 — tying the record for a country other than the United States at the U.S. Open.

"It's always nice to see all the Spanish winning and being in the last rounds, no?" said Verdasco, who eliminated 2002 Wimbledon runnerup David Nalbandian of Argentina 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2. Ferrer beat Daniel Gimeno-Traver of Spain 7-6 (2), 6-2, 6-2; the opponents of Robredo and Lopez retired during their matches. The winners of Nadal vs. Lopez, and Ferrer vs. Verdasco will meet for a semifinal spot.

"I don't really care whom I'm playing against," Nadal said, "if they're all Spaniards."

There is only one American woman left, and it's seventime Grand Slam champion Venus Williams, who struggled with her serve and kept yanking at the hemline of her red, sequin-dotted dress but eventually beat 16th-seeded Shahar Peer of Israel 7-6 (3), 6-3 to reach the quarterfinals in New York for the 10th time.

Williams put 48 percent of her first serves in, and was broken three times. She wasted her first six set points in the opening tiebreaker. And yet she improved to 6-0 against Peer. Williams next faces reigning French Open champion Francesca Schiavone of Italy, a 6-3, 6-0 winner against 20th-seeded Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova.

Williams was the last woman to win the U.S. Open two years in a row, in 2000 and 2001, and defending champion Kim Clijsters of Belgium is trying to match that feat. Clijsters easily got past former No. 1 and 2008 French Open champion Ana Ivanovic 6-2, 6-1 of Serbia on Sunday.

"The pressure is a privilege. It's something that comes because you've done well in the past, and I look at it in that way," said Clijsters, who will play No. 5 Sam Stosur of Australia or No. 12 Elena Dementieva of Russia in the quarterfinals. "I know how hard it is to try and win those seven matches and how much you have to be focused and work, especially on the details."

She won seven consecutive games in one stretch to seize control, and her deep groundstrokes and usually strong defense put pressure on Ivanovic, who made 28 unforced errors.

"I was on the big stage again," said Ivanovic, whose ranking dropped to 65th in July but now is back up to 40th. "Lots of emotions came back, and I just felt a little slow and just a little bit out of it."



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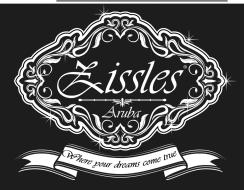
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Day gets his nose out front in Boston

DOUG FERGUSON, AP Golf Writer

NORTON, Massachusetts (AP) — Australia's Jason Day capped an exciting day at the Deutsche Bank Championship on Sunday with a routine birdie to take the lead after the third round

Day watched a three-shot lead evaporate in two holes, only to get it back on the par-5 18th with a shot just off the back of the green, leaving him a simple two-putt for birdie and a 5-under 66. He had a one-shot lead over American Brandt Snedeker, who made a mess of the 18th until chipping in for par and a 67.

England's Luke Donald was a stroke further back in third place after he birdied the last hole for a 66.

Just like so many other times at this tournament, the Deutsche Bank Championship could be up for grabs — and so could the No. 1 ranking.

Tiger Woods could only manage one birdie over the last 11 holes and shot a 2-under 69, leaving him tied for 23rd and 10 shots out of the lead. That set the stage for either Steve Stricker or Phil Mickelson to end Woods' spell at the top of the rankings after more than five years.

Stricker is closer to the lead. Mickelson has better odds.

Both of them might have a tough time catching up the 22-year-old Day, who won the Byron Nelson Championship in May and is starting to play his best golf during the FedEx Cup playoffs.

Day was at 17-under 196, matching the 54-hole record at the TPC Boston set by Mike Weir two years ago.

Donald, winless on the PGA Tour in more than four years, was steady again in his first tournament since being picked for Europe's Ryder Cup team. Defending champion Stricker played his third straight round without a bogey for a 67 and was at 13-under 200 with Charley Hoffman, who had a

Mickelson was in a group at 201 that included Geoff Ogilvy (65), who hasn't finished in the top 10 since winning the season-opening Championship; and Adam Scott (65), who won the Deutsche Bank Championship in 2003.

Snedeker was three shots behind going to the 16th tee when he made consecutive birdies — Day three-putted the 16th — to share the lead. But the final hole — the easiest at the TPC Boston with a tail wind — nearly got him. He didn't hit enough club and went into the hazard, and after taking a penalty drop, his fourth shot barely cleared the hazard and stayed in the rough.

Snedeker set off one of the loudest cheers of the day when he chipped in to escape with par.

But this was a day for plenty of noise.

Fiji's Vijay Singh made the rarest shot in golf — an albatross — when he holed a 5-iron from 229 yards on the par-5 second hole for a cheer that resounded across the front nine of the TPC Boston.

"I hit it just like I wanted to and was hoping it was going to get



Brandt Snedeker, right, and Jason Day, of Australia, watch Snedeker's drive on the 18th hole in the third round of the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament at TPC Boston, Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010, in Norton, Mass. Associated Press

up on the green somewhere, and it went in the hole," said Singh, who had a 69 and is right on the bubble for getting into the third round next week

at the BMW Championship. It was the second straight year someone made an albatross on that hole, with John Senden doing it a year ago.

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East Carolina's Justin Jones (84) gets up above teammate Lance Lewis (88) and Tulsa defenders Trae Johnson (top 1) and Trent Wilkins (bottom 1) to haul in the game-winning touchdown catch as time runs out in second half of an NCAA college football game played between ECU and Tulsa at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium in Greenville N.C. on Sept. 5, 2010. **Associated Press**

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Davis' dramatic TD lifts ECU past Tulsa 51-49

By JOEDY McCREARY AP Sports Writer

 $GREENVILLE, N.C.-In\ his\ first$ start at East Carolina, quarterback Dominique Davis provided one of the greatest finishes in the history of the program.

Davis heaved a 33-yard touchdown pass to a leaping Justin Jones as time expired to give the Pirates a wild 51-49 win against Tulsa on Sunday in coach Ruffin McNeill's debut at his alma mater.

Davis was 27 of 46 for 383 yards with five touchdown passes — two to Lance Lewis, two to Dwayne Harris - and one rushing TD in his first start for East Carolina (1-0, 1-0 Conference USA).

"That was the greatest experience of my life," said Davis, the former Boston College quarterback said. "There was probably people in the stands — our fans — who probably thought the game was over. But I told the team, 'Just trust.' As soon as I let it go, I knew he was going to catch it." G.J. Kinne finished 28 of 43 for 399 yards for Tulsa (0-1, 0-1). His fifth touchdown pass — a 3-yard toss to Charles Clay with 1:22 left — appeared to have been enough for the Golden Hurricane.

But Davis whisked the Pirates downfield in nine plays. On the final snap, he launched the ball high toward a handful of players in the end zone. The 6-foot-8

Jones outjumped everyone for it, setting off a massive celebration. "I've been doing this for 24 years, and that's never happened to me," Tulsa coach Todd Graham said. "We usually have a play we execute to put pressure on the quarterback so he can't make that throw. We called the play and didn't execute. That's our fault."

A brief review upheld the call and the Pirates, who were flagged for an excessive celebration, skipped the extra point and instead took a knee

"I guess I'm just lucky I'm taller than everybody," Jones said. "My first thought (in the pile-up in the end zone) was just get the ball safe, and the next thing I know, I felt like I'm being crushed by a truck."

The teams combined for 1,117 total yards and the lead changed hands 12 times during a wacky, back-and-forth C-USA shootout in which defense seemed optional. Harris caught seven passes for 121 yards while Lewis finished with six grabs for 105 vards.

Those two were the biggest beneficiaries of Davis' big day. He led BC to the 2008 Atlantic Coast Conference championship game, but left the program and transferred to a junior college. He signed with East Carolina to play for Skip Holtz, but he faced an uncertain future when Holtz left for South Florida in January and McNeill returned to his alma mater to replace him.

The best-kept secret in Greenville this summer was who would start under center, and nobody knew who McNeill had picked until Davis trotted off the sideline for the first play from scrimmage. Davis said he was told "a while ago" that he would start but to keep it under wraps, though McNeill maintained all week that he was waffling between Davis and sophomore walk-on Brad Wornick.



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Coach K pleased, but U.S. faces higher expectations

BRIAN MAHONEY AP Basketball Writer

ISTANBUL (AP) — Those predicting that the United States will fall short of a world championship are focusing on the back of the jerseys.

They no longer include names such as BRYANT or JAMES. Those expecting the Americans to win anyway do so because of what's still on the front.

"I think there is a certain element that does persist that because we have USA on our jersey, that's good enough," USA Basketball chairman Jerry Colangelo said. "And as the world competition has improved, it gets very challenging, especially with a young, inexperienced group of guys, regardless of how much talent we have.

"Personally, I'd rather be hunted like that than the opposite."

Colangelo and coach Mike Krzyzewski say they are satisfied with what they've seen from the undefeated Americans, who face Angola in an elimination game Monday in the round of 16.

But fans and media in Turkey seem to expect a higher level, one reachable by the star-studded Olympic gold medalists of two years ago but maybe not by a young team that hasn't been together nearly as long.

They expect the U.S. not only to win the tournament, but also every game and perhaps even every quarter along the way. Krzyzewski always faces similar expectations at Duke, where he says "people think we should win every game and not let anyone score."

"I don't want that to be what this team feels," he said, allowing he'd be OK with any criticisms if he'd brought back the team from Beijing.

"If we had all the main guys here, you should nitpick anything, because that's the world they live in. They always have to (play well)," Krzyzewski said. "We have a young group. I think our guys have done great and part of it, this is the first experience.

"I think they've been terrific and now they get a chance to do something that will be a momentous thing in their careers if they can, in the next eight days, if they can get it done. I would like for them to be youthfully enthusiastic and try to accomplish something instead of trying to be perfect or whatever. Being perfect is about those other guys."

The Americans blew out their first two opponents, then needed a miss at the buzzer by Brazil's Leandro Barbosa to eke out a 70-68 victory. They closed group play with easy wins over Iran and Tunisia, but neither was a start-to-finish rout. The U.S. led the winless African champions by just four points early in the third quarter.

The U.S. ended up winning 92-57, but center Lamar Odom was pressed about why it took so long to break away from what seemed such an overmatched opponent.

"You can't win by 40 in the first three minutes of a game if you really think about how the game is played," Odom said. "That means you stop them and then you score every time. No mistakes. You're human, you're going to have human errors. You're going to bounce the ball off a leg, three seconds, missed layup, a

missed jumper. That's just the way the game goes."

Odom was in the U.S. team that lost three times in the 2004 Olympics before leaving with a bronze medal. The Americans finished sixth two years earlier in Indianapolis in the worlds, so it shouldn't be a surprise that victory isn't guaranteed just by sending five players on the floor wearing red, white and blue. The U.S. hasn't even won a world title since 1994.

Yet that hasn't seemed to way the international basketball community, where many — such as Iran's coach — still call the U.S. a Dream Team. Never mind that the people who assembled it certainly wouldn't.

"People don't understand, that's what sometimes frustrates me," forward Kevin Durant said. "Fans don't understand that this is a hard game to play, especially international basketball. It's a lot different from the NBA game and the players are a lot different.

"Everybody can shoot, from the 4 to the 5, and that right there puts pressure on your defense, because you can't help as much. We're not going to win every game by 30 or 20, or maybe even 10. As long as we go out there and get the job done, at the end of the day, it's all about wins."

The U.S. needs four more to claim the gold medal. Noting that world records in track events aren't usually set during the qualifying rounds, when competitors just want to advance and peak later, Krzyzewski isn't concerned with always looking good along the way.





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Japanese rider, 19, killed in Moto2 crash in Italy

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– Motorcycle racing endured its second tragedy in eight days Sunday, this time at the San Marino Grand Prix.

Shoya Tomizawa became the second teenage rider to die in the sport when the 19-year-old fell

and was hit by two trailing riders during the Moto2 race.

Tomizawa's crash was similar to the accident that claimed Peter Lenz last Sunday. The 13-yearold from Vancouver, Wash., died during a warmup event at the United States Grand Prix in Indianapolis, where he fell and then was hit by another rider in a U.S. Grand Prix Racers Union series event.

"Nothing has happened for two years and now we have two deaths in two weeks," said Carlo Pernat, manager of Loris Capirossi and Marco Simoncelli. "This time it is a boy of only 19 years of age."

Before 2010, Japan's Daijiro Kato was the last rider to die from an accident. He crashed during the first race of the 2003 season, at Suzuka in Japan, and died following two weeks in a coma.

There have been 46 recorded deaths in MotoGP since the series was founded in 1949.

Tomizawa's death cast a somber mood over the San Marino GP.

"I don't have much to say about today's race, it is such a sad day," said Moto GP leader Jorge Lorenzo. "The loss of Shoya is a tragedy because he was a great guy and a great rider.

"I am very sad and want to say how much I am thinking about his family and friends at the moment. When something



Japan's Shoya Tomizawa steers his bike during the Moto2 grand prix at the Misano circuit in Misano Adriatico, Italy, Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010. Italian news reports are quoting a San Marino track doctor as saying Japanese motorcyclist Shoya Tomizawa has died of injuries suffered in an accident during the Moto2 race on the San Marino Grand Prix track on Sunday.

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like this happens nothing else matters."

Tomizawa lost control of his bike and hit his head on the track as his bike flipped over. While on the track, he was hit at full speed by riders Alex De Angelis and Scott Redding.

A statement on the MotoGP website said Tomizawa died of cranial, thoracic and abdominal trauma.

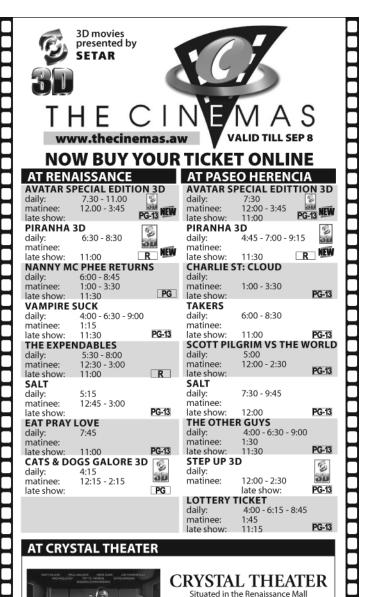
Tomizawa was initially put on an artificial respirator at the Misano World Circuit medical center before he was taken to a hospital

in Riccione, where he died.

"I'm truly devastated about what happened to Shoya," said De Angelis. "I'm close to his family and all of them loved him a lot. ... In moments like this nothing seems to matter.

"I saw Shoya fall in front of me. It is the worst ever incident in my career. I tried everything I could to avoid him and hit his motorbike instead."

De Angelis was treated at the track and allowed to leave. Redding was taken to a hospital to check on his condition.



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WNRA Finals

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"So the best part about that shot, the best part about winning this game, is the series is over and we have a week to prepare, and to rest." Diana Taurasi, who finished with 28 points, missed a contested 3-pointer at the buzzer for Phoenix.

The Storm earned their seventh consecutive win and advanced to the finals for the first time since they won it all in 2004. They will meet the winner of the Eastern Conference finals between Atlanta and New York, which was scheduled to start Sunday night.

"The last five years we haven't gotten out of the first round," Bird said. "For us, there is almost a series of humps—we had to get over the hump to get out of the first round, to be in the Western Conference finals."

Swin Cash had 23 points and eight rebounds, helping Seattle erase an 88-76 deficit with 3:21 left in the second game of the best-of-three conference finals. League MVP Lauren Jackson added 20 points and eight boards while Bird finished with 16 points, eight assists and five rebounds.

"I've seen her do this multiple times in the last three years, just hit crucial shots at the end of the game," Storm coach Brian Agler said of Bird. "It wasn't a hard decision about who to go to at that time."

Phoenix missed shots on three consecutive possessions in the final 1:35, the last being Tameka Johnson's short layup against Bird. Bird grabbed the rebound and called timeout with 23.7 seconds on the clock.

Seattle's plan was to find Jackson or Bird for the final shot

"We were going to put Tanisha (Wright) in a pick-and-roll and try to get some action on the back side with Sue and Lauren and we thought that one of them might get freed up," Agler said. "Fortunately

Sue got freed up."

The Mercury, which finished second in the West despite a 15-19 record, went 0-7 against the Storm this year, the first time a team has recorded that many wins against one team in a season in league history.

"We did everything we wanted to do except win," Johnson said. "It just came down to getting stops and we didn't get them when we needed to."

Johnson had 15 points and 12 assists for Phoenix, which had won two of the last three WNBA titles.

Cash sparked Seattle's big rally with a three-point play with 3 minutes left and Jackson, who had been held relatively quiet, had five points in the final 2:33. Cash converted a tying layup with 36 seconds left after a Jackson offensive rebound.

"We had chances to win, we just didn't get it done," Taurasi said. "Not only tonight but throughout the whole year. We've been pretty inconsistent as a team and individuals and that shows in games like this."



Atlanta Dream's Brittainey Raven, top, jumps onto Atlanta Dream's Erika de Souza after they won Game 1 of the WNBA basketball Eastern Conference finals against the New York Liberty Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010, in New York. The Dream beat the Liberty 81-75.

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3B coach interferes for final out, Twins hold on



Texas Rangers' Michael Young connects for a single off Minnesota Twins closer Matt Capps during the ninth inning of a baseball game, Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010, in Minneapolis. The Twins won 6-5. **Associated Press**

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — In a bizarre ending, Texas third base coach Dave Anderson was called for interfering with runner Michael Young for the final out Sunday, giving the Minnesota Twins a 6-5 win over the Rangers.

Down 6-2, the Rangers scored twice in the ninth inning and had the bases loaded with two

Vladimir Guerrero grounded an RBI single up the middle that Twins second baseman Orlando Hudson fielded behind the bag. Young, who had been on second, came running around third and appeared to tap hands with Anderson before stopping and scrambling back to the bag.

Young made a dive back into third and appeared to beat Hudson's throw to third baseman Matt Tolbert. But third base umpire Alfonso Marquez pointed and made the interference call, ending the game.

Blue Jays 7, Yankees 3 At New York, Aaron Hill and Vernon Wells each hit twoAlex Rodriguez's return to the New York lineup, beating the Yankees to halt their eightgame winning streak.

Rodriguez had been out since Aug. 20 with a strained left calf, but the Yankees didn't seem to miss him. They were riding their longest winning stretch of the season and 11-3 since he went on the disabled list, carrying a 2 1/2-game lead over Tampa Bay in the American League East into Sunday.

The three-time AL most valuable player had a pair of hits and drove in a run, but he also grounded out with a runner aboard in the first, dribbled one back to the pitcher with two on in the third, and struck out looking with a runner on third base to end the game.

Orioles 8, Rays 7

At Baltimore, Corey Patterson homered and had three RBIs as Baltimore withstood four home runs by Tampa Bay.

Baltimore took two of three from the Rays, who remained 2½ games behind the firstplace New York Yankees in the AL East. It was only the second time in 14 tries that the Orioles won the finale to take a three-game series.

Tampa Bay scored all its runs on homers by Ben Zobrist, Evan Longoria, B.J. Upton and Rocco Baldelli.

Royals 2, Tigers 1

At Kansas City, Missouri, Alex Gordon homered as Kyle Davies pitched Kansas City past Detroit for the first time in six home starts.

Davies (7-9) went six innings and allowed only three hits and one run, a home run by Casper Wells in the fifth. He walked three and struck out four after coming in with an 0-5 record and a 6.59 ERA in five starts against the Tigers in Kauffman Stadium.

Soria had Joakim strikeouts while pitching a perfect ninth to extend his club record with 30 consecutive saves. The righthander has not allowed a score in 17 straight innings, spanning his last 17 outings.

run homers as Toronto spoiled He has converted 37 of 39 save opportunities this season. White Sox 7, Red Sox 5

> At Boston, Gordon Beckham's bases-loaded walk with two outs pushed Chicago ahead in a four-run ninth inning for a sixth straight win and an improbable comeback victory over Boston.

> The win completed a sweep of the three-game weekend series and came after Chicago trailed 5-3 entering the ninth inning and had two outs.

> Victor Martinez had a two-run homer for the Red Sox, who lost both games of a day-night doubleheader by 3-1 scores on Saturday.

> Red Sox closer Jonathan Papelbon (5-6) was one out away from the save, but Carlos Quentin's bloop RBI double to center cut the score to 5-4 before Ramon Castro tied it with a single.

Mariners 3, Indians 0

At Seattle, Felix Hernandez scattered four hits over eight innings as Seattle downed Cleveland.

Hernandez (11-10) gave up four singles in his 111-pitch effort. He walked one and struck out nine. David Aardsma worked the ninth to pick up his 28th save in 33 opportunities.

Russell Branyan drove in a pair of runs with a solo home run in the sixth, his 23rd, and a RBI double in the eighth.

Angels 7, Athletics 4

Oakland, California, Bobby Abreu hit a home run and drove in three runs to lead the Los Angeles Angels to a victory over Oakland, avoiding their first sweep by the A's in six years.

Mike Napoli also hit a home run for the Angels, who have still lost nine of their past 13 games. Torii Hunter and Hideki Matsui also drove in

Jeff Larish drove in two runs for the A's, who lost for the fifth time in seven games. Landon Powell and Jack Cust each added an RBI.

Ervin Santana (15-9) gave up three runs and six hits to improve to 7-2 over his last nine starts.

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NL Roundup

Cardinals beat Cincinnati 4-2

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ST. LOUIS (AP) — Matt Holliday hit a go-ahead, three-run homer to back Chris Carpenter's latest dominant effort against Cincinnati, helping the St. Louis Cardinals take two of three from the NL Central-leading Reds with a 4-2 victory Sunday.

The Cardinals reduced the Reds' formidable lead to seven games with 28 games to go. The two teams are not scheduled to play again this season.

St. Louis had lost eight of nine overall going into the weekend. This was its first series win since Aug. 20-22 against San Francisco.

Homer Bailey (3-3) walked Albert Pujols intentionally in the sixth inning before giving up Holliday's two-out shot on a 1-2 hanging breaking ball. Holliday fouled off two pitches before hitting his 25th homer, topping last season's total and giving the Cardinals a 4-2 lead.

Holliday has conceded to pressing at times to justify his seven-year, \$120 million contract, yet he leads the team with 43 two-out RBIs.

Marlins 7, Braves 6, 10 innings

In Miami, sent to the plate after a scary scene, pinch-hitter Scott Cousins delivered a game-winning single in the 10th inning for his first big league hit and the Marlins beat the Braves.

The Braves had overcome a 6-0 deficit. They began the day with a one-game lead over Philadelphia in the NL East.

Cousins batted after Emilio Bonifacio lined a foul that struck teammate Logan Morrison in the helmet in the on-deck circle. Morrison collapsed face-down as the crowd gasped, but quickly rose and walked off the field accompanied by a trainer.

Bonifacio hit a leadoff triple against Eric O'Flaherty (3-2). Cousins batted for Morrison

and singled over the head of left fielder Melky Cabrera. It was only the second at-bat in the majors for Cousins.

Mets 18, Cubs 5

In Chicago, Ruben Tejada hit his first major league homer and drove in five runs, Ike Davis also connected and the Mets erupted for 21 hits and pounded the Cubs to avoid a weekend sweep.

The Mets' bats perked up for season highs in runs and hits even though David Wright got a day off and Jose Reyes was still nursing a strained right oblique. They scored five runs in the fifth, eighth and ninth innings while winning for just the second time in seven games.

Tejada, who had never knocked in more than a run, had a two-run single in the fifth and homered leading off the seventh.

Davis had four hits and drove in three runs while scoring three

Brewers 6, Phillies 2

In Philadelphia, Prince Fielder hit his 30th home run, Randy Wolf was sharp against his former team and the Brewers beat the Phillies to snap a fivegame losing streak.

Fielder's three-run shot off Kyle Kendrick (9-8) made him the second Brewer in team history with four straight 30-plus home run seasons. He helped the Brewers end their six-game road trip on a high after dropping the first five in Cincinnati and Philadelphia. John Axford tossed two scoreless innings for his 20th save.

Carlos Ruiz had two RBIs for the NL wild-card leading Phillies, who ended a five-game winning streak.

Kendrick continues to struggle and could be dropped from the rotation.

Nationals 8, Pirates 1

In Pittsburgh, Ryan Zimmerman drove in four runs, Adam Dunn homered and Jason Marquis won



St. Louis Cardinals' Skip Schumaker (55) celebrates after hitting a grand slam home run off Cincinnati Reds pitcher Mike Leake in the fourth inning of a baseball game Monday, August 9, 2010 in Cincinnati. Cardinals players Colby Rasmus (28), Chris Carpenter (29), and Matt Holliday (7) are seen in background. The Cardinals won 7-3.

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his second in a row after previously going winless all season as the Nationals beat the Pirates in a matchup of last-place clubs.

The Nationals outscored the Pirates 17-3 in the final two games of the three-game set for their first road series victory in 18 attempts since they won two of three against the Mets from May 10-12.

Washington did most of its damage against Pirates right-hander Charlie Morton (1-11), who gave up six runs and eight hits over 3 2-3 innings yet still lowered his ERA to

9.66 because four runs were unearned. Morton began the game with a 10.03 ERA that was the third highest in major league history at this stage of a season for a pitcher with at least 10 decisions, according to STATS LLC.

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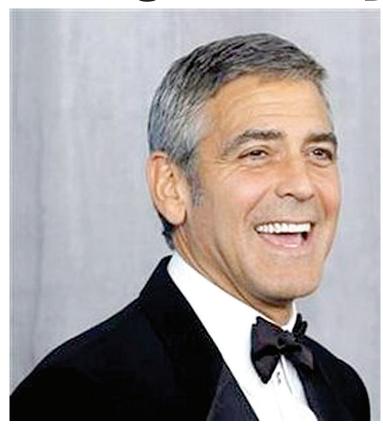
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George Clooney shoots first at box office



LOS ANGELES – George Clooney outgunned his rivals at the Labor Day holiday weekend box office in North America with a low-caliber opening for his assassin drama "The American," as the lucrative summer moviegoing season wound down on a traditionally weak note.

According to studio estimates issued on Sunday, "The American" earned \$13 million during the three-day period beginning September 3; its tally stands at \$16.1 million since Wednesday, when it got a two-day head-start on the competition.

The opening is slightly better than industry forecasts, but is

similar to that of his 2008 flop "Leatherheads," which ended its brief run with \$31.3 million.

The film, in which Clooney plays a stone-faced gun enthusiast holed up in a picturesque Italian town, was directed by rock photographer AntonCorbijn. It was released by Focus Features, the art-house unit of General Electric Co's NBC Universal.

Also new were 20th Century Fox's violent fantasy "Machete" at No. 3 with \$11.3 million, and Warner Bros.' Drew Barrymore romantic comedy "Going the Distance" at No. 5 with just \$6.9 million. Both opened on Friday.

"Machete," a bloody homage to 1970s B-movies using the immigration debate as a backdrop, stars character actor Danny Trejo as a Mexican assassin with a penchant for dispatching people with sharp objects. Robert Rodriguez directed with Ethan Maniquis. Fox said the audience was 60 percent Latino.

"Going the Distance" stars Barrymore and Justin Long as bi-coastal lovers. It is the latest in a string of rom-com flops for the actress, including "Lucky You," "Music and Lyrics" and "Fever Pitch."

TICKET SALES SLIDE

Last weekend's champion, the Screen Gems heist drama "Takers," slipped to No. 2 with \$11.5 million, taking its 10-day total to \$37.9 million.

Sales for the top-12 films fell to their lowest level since the September 11-13 weekend last year, a fitting coda to a summer lineup whose weak performance was obscured by the 3D

boom

While sales from the first weekend in May through Labor Day on Monday are projected to break last year's record, the increase comes solely from higher ticket prices. The number of tickets sold -- a better gauge of Hollywood's health -- hit its lowest level since 1997.

Tracking firm Hollywood.com Box-Office predicted summer attendance would come in at 552 million tickets sold, a 2.6 percent drop from last year, and the lowest since 1997 when 540 million were sold. It forecast summer receipts of \$4.35 billion, up 2.4 percent from last summer's record levels.

The top summer films were "Toy Story 3" (\$408 million), "Iron Man 2" (\$312 million) and "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse" (\$298 million). Notable bombs included "Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore" (\$42 million), "Scott Pilgrim vs. the World" (\$29 million), "The Switch" (\$21 million), "Jonah Hex" (\$10.5 million) -- and now "Going the Distance."

Movies released in 3D, such as "Toy Story 3," "Cats & Dogs," "Despicable Me," and "The Last Airbender," allowed movie theaters to charge an average premium of \$3 per ticket. In some markets, this pushed the ticket price to almost \$20. The average ticket price for all movies was \$7.88, according to Hollywood. com Box-Office.

Sales are expected to remain weak for the next few weeks as the studios dump their underperformers so that they can focus on prestige

Master chefs offer different contest at US Open

intense competition going on at the U.S. Open, and it has nothing to do with aces or foot faults.

Instead, five of Bravo TV's "Top Chef Masters" have been working to create the best food of the tournament — something more elegant than hot dogs, pretzels and burgers.

"This is the U.S. Open; there is nothing like this," said Miami-based chef Carmen Gonzalez, sitting with the rest of her culinary compatriots before Saturday night's match between James Blake and Novack Djokovic.

"The people who come here they want good food."

To that end, they created recipes like pulled pork tacos, from Los Angeles chef Susan Feniger, and RickMoonen's shrimp and tilapia burger.

"I do a shrimp version of a hot dog," joked Moonen,

NEW YORK – There's been who is based in Las Vegas. intense competition going on All of the dishes have been

on sale since the start of the championship last week, and the creator of the most popular dish will win \$5,000 for their favorite charity. Jonathan Waxman's Roast Chicken Panini with basil aioli and greens was the victor; his charity was City Meals on Wheels.

The contest was born after Tony Mantuano, the renowned Chicago restaurateur and favorite of President Barack Obama, challenged his colleagues to create a different kind of menu for the thousands of fans at the tennis grand slam event.

Mantuano had been at the Open for the past three years, creating specialties with his Wine Bar Food outpost, and hoped to do something on a grander scale.

"You have to keep evolving and innovating and making



new things," he said. "Why wouldn't people want to eat this way?"

But creating Michelin-quality food at a sporting event — where sausage, chicken fingers and fries are the typical go-to foods — created hurdles, the chefs admitted.

"The biggest challenge was getting to understand the numbers and the volume," said Waxman, the bicoastal restaurant owner and author.

"We deal in smaller numbers. (But) I don't think there were any disasters."

The chefs came up with their recipies, then worked with the cooking staff at the Open to translate the dishes to the masses. More than 20,000 people come to the tennis center daily during the two-week tournament.

Though the U.S. Open has expanded its food choices over the years to include su-

shi, Mexican and Indian, the master chef competition was its most ambitious culinary move.

"It's a very sophisticated audience," Waxman said of Open fans.

The five chefs all participated in a cook-off Saturday in front of fans as they recreated their dishes.

"People were waiting in between matches and they would stop," Feniger said.

Despite hiring, US unemployment rate seems frozen

WASHINGTON – Unemployment is stuck at high levels even though some companies are hiring. The problem, government data show, is that too few jobs are being created for the growing number of people looking for work.

Private employers added a net total of 67,000 jobs in August. But the unemployment rate rose to 9.6 percent from 9.5 percent, the LaborDepartment said Friday, because the number of job-seekers overwhelmed the number of openings.

The unemployment rate has exceeded 9 percent for 16 straight months and is all but sure to extend that streak into next year. If it does, it would break a record of 19 straight months above 9 percent, set from 1982-83, after a severe recession.

Nearly 15 million people are unemployed this Labor Day weekend, and the sluggish economy is putting pressure on President Barack Obama



and the Democrats ahead of the November midterm elections. Obama said Friday that he intends to unveil a new package of proposals that will likely include tax cuts and spending to spark job growth. On top of the jobs that companies created last month, both July and June's private-sector job figures were upwardly revised. Overall, the economy lost 54,000 jobs last month as 114,000 temporary census positions ended.

The Labor Department report hardly suggests the economy is out of danger, but the figures were not as bleak as some economists had predicted.

Wall Street embraced the news, and stocks surged with-

in seconds of its release. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 127 points.

"When the bar is low, it isn't hard to exceed it," said Diane Swonk, an economist at Mesirow Financial. The report "alleviates the sense that the economy is falling off a cliff." Even with August's gains, job growth has weakened in re-

cent months and isn't enough to keep theunemployment rate from rising. Private employers have added only 78,000 jobs per month, on average, in the past three months. It would take at least 200,000 jobs a month to keep up with population growth and rehire millions of unemployed Americans.

Many economists don't expect that pace of job growth until next year. As a result, the unemployment rate could exceed 9 percent for many more months. The November midterm elections are already shaping up to be a referendum on Democrats' handling of the economy. Many expect the majority party to lose many seats and possibly control of the House and Senate.

Obama called the latest employment figures positive news but acknowledged that much more job creation is needed to help restore the 8.4 million jobs lost during the downturn.

Taxpayers may face initial loss on GM IPO: sources



NEW YORK/DETROIT—The U.S. government is likely to take a loss on General Motors Co in the first offering of the automaker's stock, six people familiar with preparations for the landmark IPO said.

Subsequent offerings of the government's holdings may be profitable depending on how investors trade the newly listed stock, the sources said.

But the question of whether taxpayers are ultimately made whole on GM's \$50 billion bailout could be left open for years, the people said.

It could take more than three years for the Treasury to sell down its remaining stake in GM after the IPO, one person said. That would push a final accounting into the next presidential term.

A decision to price the initial GM shares below the cost to taxpayers would follow the usual Wall Street practice of giving the first investors in a new stock a discount, but it could also help allay investor concern in the face of the slow recovery of the U.S. economy and flat auto sales.

Preparations for GM's IP0 remain confidential. Both GM and the U.S. Treasury have declined to comment, citing restrictions by U.S. securities regulators.

The Obama administration has pledged to exit its investment in GM as quickly as possible while holding out the prospect that taxpayers could ultimately be paid back in full.

Treasury spokesman Mark Paustenbach declined to comment. GM spokesman Tom Wilkinson also declined to comment.

GM plans to begin a roadshow for its IPO immediately after the November 2, U.S. midterm congressional elections, paving the way for a stock debut on November 18, sources have said.

GM in August filed paperwork for an IPO that could potentially be worth as much as \$20 billion, making it one of the biggest IPOs of all time.

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission is now reviewing the automaker's S-1 filing.

Analysts and potential investors have projected a market value for GM of between \$50 billion to around \$90 billion, based on projections for the automaker's cash flow, comparisons with rival Ford Motor Co and trading in bonds in the old GM, which are convertible into shares in the new company.

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Expert warns of complacency after swine flu fizzle



HONG KONG - A leading virus expert urged health authorities around the world Sunday to stay vigilant even though the recent swine flu pandemic was less deadly than expected, warning that bird flu could spark the next global outbreak.

A World Health Organization official also defended the U.N.'s health body against accusations that it wasted governments' money and enriched pharmaceutical companies with its strong warnings during the swine flu outbreak's early days last year.

WHO declared the swine flu pandemic over last month. The latest death toll is just over 18,600 — far below the millions that were once predicted. The head of the global health body has credited good preparation and luck, since the H1N1 swine flu virus didn't mutate as some had feared.

But speaking to reporters on the sidelines of an influenza conference in Hong Kong, researcher Robert Webster warned against complacency.

"We may think we can relax and influenza is no longer a problem. I want to assure you that that is not the case," said Webster, chairman of the virology and molecular biology department at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

Webster predicted that the next pandemic could be sparked by a virus that spreads from water fowl to pigs and then onto humans — such as the H5N1 strain of bird flu, which has killed 300 people over the past seven years. He noted that after several years of decline, the number of bird flu cases in humans increased in 2009, lifted by an uptick of cases in Egypt.

"H5N1 can kill 61 percent of humans infected, but it doesn't know how to spread from human to human. But don't trust it because it could acquire that capacity. So we must stay vigilant," he said.

Sylvie Briand, head of WHO's global influenza program, said its surveillance has shown that now of jumping between humans except in rare cases of close personal contact, but echoing Webster, warned: "These are viruses that are evolving. They are changing all the time."

Both experts said it was difficult to predict when — or if — bird flu might set off a new pandemic.

"We don't understand enough about the virus to make predictions," Webster said.

the bird flu strainisn't capable University of Hong Kong microbiologist Malik Peiris said scientists are closely monitoring mutations by influenza viruses — including bird flu viruses — but it's hard to determine which mutations are most likely to spread among humans.

> Briand also defended WHO against accusations that it hyped the swine flu pandemic, saying it was acting with limited information when the virus first surfaced and adjusted

its response when it became clear the outbreak wasn't as serious as expected.

WHO received at least \$170 million from member states to deal with the outbreak, some of which was invested in immunization programs long after the virus strain was known to provoke only mild illness in most of those infected. Governments spent many times that amount buying vaccines and antiviral medicines that are now being junked.

Botox maker to pay \$600M to resolve investigation

WASHINGTON Allergan Inc., the maker of wrinkle-smoothing Botox, has agreed to pay \$600 million to settle a yearslong federal investigation into its marketing of the top-selling, botulin-based drug.

The Justice Department and the company said Wednesday in a statement it will plead guilty to one misdemeanor charge of "misbranding," in which the company's marketing led physicians to use Botox for unapproved

uses. Those included the treatment of headache, pain, spasticity and cerebral palsy in children. Companies are prohibited from promoting drugs for unapproved, or "off-label," uses.

Allergan said it will pay \$375 million in connection with the plea, which includes the forfeiture of \$25 million in assets. Additionally, the company will pay \$225 million in civil fines

\$210 million to the federal governments and the rest to several states - related to the investigation, although the company denies liability for the civil claims.

Allergan, based in Irvine, Calif., also struck an agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Inspector General that requires the company to submit compliance reports, and to post on its website any payments to doctors, such as honoraria, travel or lodging. Allergan "paid kickbacks to induce physicals to inject Botox for off-label uses and Allergan also taught doctors how to bill for off-label uses, including coaching doctors how to miscode Botox claims leading to millions of dollars of false claims being to submitted to federal and state programs," Assistant Attorney General



Tony West said.

Allergan officials will make their first appearance in federal court on Thursday. The settlement is not official until approved by a federal judge.

"The FDA had approved therapeutic uses of Botox for only four rare conditions, yet Allergan made it a top corporate priority to maximize sales of far more lucrative off-label uses that were not approved by the FDA," said Sally Yates, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia. "Allergan further demanded tremendous growth in these off-label sales year after year, even when there was little clinical evidence that these uses were effective."

The investigation was sparked by a whistleblower complaint, officials said, and five whistleblowers will split \$37.8 million of the government's share of the settlement.

Allergan's product sales topped \$4.4 billion in 2009, with Botox accounting for more than \$1.3 billion of that total.

The Justice Department's investigation covered Allergan's marketing of Botox from 2001 through at least 2008.

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Hallan segundo barril repleto de dólares en El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR (AP) -Las autoridades salvadoreñas desenterraron el sábado un segundo barril repleto de dinero, tres días después de contabilizar varios paquetes al interior de otro con más de 9 millones de dólares en la región central del país.

"Ese segundo barril estaba a unos cinco metros de distancia (de otro), en la misma área. Es posible que hayan más y estamos obligados a hacer un examen detenido", informó el director general de la Policía Nacional Civil, comisionado Carlos Ascencio.

Explicó que el segundo barril de plástico contenía "unos paquetitos con billetes, aparentemente dólares" que investigadores de la policía y Fiscalía General de la República comenzaron el conteo del dinero.

El nuevo hallazgo ocurrió luego que las autoridades desenterraron la noche del jueves un primer barril en una hacienda de Zacatecoluca, a unos 62 kilómetros al este de la capital.

El operativo se realizó con la cooperación de los habitantes de la zona, que denunciaron "movimientos extraños frecuentes", según la Fiscalía General de la República.

"Las autoridades policiales y fiscales no descartaron que este dinero sea producto del narcotráfico, pero esta línea de investigación será sólo una de las que se desarrolle hasta determinar la procedencia de éste", informó la policía en un comunicado.

Un hombre fue detenido en la zona y está en proceso de investigación, informó la Fiscalía, de quien no brindó mayores detalles. La fuente agregó que también se incautó una subametralladora.

Agregó que los dólares encontrados al interior del primer barril de plástico azul y enterrado aunos 60 centímetros de profundidad, corresponden a las denominaciones de 100, 20 y 20 dólares, e incluso dos paquetes con billetes de 500 Euros. "No descartamos que este dinero pueda ser el pago por venta de droga en Europa. No necesariamente de carteles de salvadoreños", dijo a Radio Nacional el subdirector de investigaciones Howard Cotto. "Estas operaciones por lo general no son operaciones que se limitan al país sino que son operaciones regionales, internacionales", agregó.

Cotto explicó que la cantidad encontrada en el primer barril "es mayor a todo lo decomisado en los últimos ocho años", de manera similar, en este país. La policía resguarda un perímetro de al menos dos kilómetros cuadrados de la zona "para



La policía salvadoreña custodia nueve millones de dólares encontrados en un barril de plástico enterrado en la región este del país. el viernes 3 de septiembre de 2010. (AP foto/Rony Gonzalez, La Prensa Grafica).

proteger las evidencias que se recaban".

La embajada de los Estados Unidos en El Salvador señaló

que el hallazgo del dinero se logró "contando con la colaboración" de la Agencia

por medio de un comunicado Antidrogas de los Estados Unidos (DEA), y del grupo antinarcóticos de la policía

Condenan por difamación a ex presidente boliviano

LAPAZ(Reuters)-El ex presidente boliviano consecuencia de lo que está viviendo todo Jorge "Tuto" Quiroga fue sentenciado a dos años y ocho meses de prisión por difamar y calumniar a un banco controlado por el Estado, aunque podría apelar o beneficiarse de una suspensión condicional de su pena, reportaron el domingo medios locales.

Según el diario boliviano La Razón, la sentencia emitida el sábado fue por los delitos de calumnias, injurias y difamación contra el Banco Unión, donde el Estado tiene más del 80 por ciento de acciones, y al que Quiroga habría acusado en el 2009 de ser una "lavandería de recursos mal habidos".

Pero el ex gobernante podría apelar o acogerse al Código de Procedimiento Penal, que determina que un defensor que haya recibido una sentencia de menos de tres años y no haya sido condenado previamente por un delito doloso puede solicitar la suspensión condicional de la pena.

En declaraciones publicadas por La Razón, el abogado defensor de Quiroga, Iván Alemán, calificó el proceso en contra de su cliente como "vergonzoso".

"El juicio se ha organizado como con petroleras extranjeras.

el país. Existe una judicialización de la política", dijo Alemán.

El abogado indicó que el ex presidente derechista se encuentra en Estados Unidos pero retornaría a Bolivia para la lectura de la sentencia el 8 de septiembre y que el fallo es apelable.

Además de Quiroga, numerosos líderes opositores enfrentan procesos judiciales impulsados por el presidente izquierdista Evo Morales, que fue reelecto para un segundo mandato con más de 64 por ciento de los votos en diciembre de 2009.

Los ex presidentes Jorge Quiroga (gobernante entre el 2001 y el 2002), Carlos Mesa (del 2003 al 2005) y Eduardo Rodríguez (mandatario entre el 2005 y el 2006) denunciaron en marzo que nuevas leyes convertían en "juez y parte" al Gobierno de Morales.

Los tres ex mandatarios enfrentan la posibilidad de juicio de responsabilidades por una denuncia de Morales sobre supuestos contratos ilegales de explotación firmados



Hasta 100 personas estarían sepultados por alud en Guatemala

CIUDAD DE GUATEMALA (Reuters) - Hasta 100 personas podrían haber quedado sepultadas el domingo por un alud de tierra que cayó sobre una transitada carretera en Guatemala, donde el número oficial de fallecidos a causa de deslaves e inundaciones por las torrenciales lluvias alcanzó los 36.

Aproximadamente un centenar de personas estaba ayudando en los trabajos de rescate de un primer deslave sobre la carretera Interamericana a unos 170 kilómetros de la capital, donde quedó sepultado un autobús, cuando ocurrió un segundo alud, dijo a Reuters el portavoz del cuerpo de bomberos Sergio Vásquez.

Rescatistas han recuperado hasta ahora en el lugar los

cuerpos de 18 personas. Los

trabajos de rescate podrían durar muchas horas o hasta días.

"En un bus se cayó un paredón y la gente se organizó, alrededor de 100 personas, para rescatar los cadáveres. Pero luego vino otro deslave y los sepultó", dijo Vásquez.

El incidente siguió a otro alud que se precipitó el sábado sobre un autobús que mató al menos 12 personas en la misma carretera, donde, según medios locales, se han registrado al menos 30 derrumbes en un tramo de 50 kilómetros.

Al menos 36 personas han muerto por inundaciones y deslaves desde el sábado en Guatemala, de acuerdo con socorristas. Funcionarios pronostican más lluvias el domingo y lunes.



Unas 100 personas habrían quedado sepultadas en Guatemala por un alud de tierra que cayó sobre una carretera, dijo el domingo un portavoz del departamento de bomberos. REUTERS/Doriam Morales

Centroamérica es una región muy vulnerable a las lluvias debido a su terreno montañoso, muchas veces deforestado, así como por las pobres comunicaciones en las áreas rurales que dificultan las tareas de rescate en casos de desastres.







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